

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. Figure 1 has been amended to include a remote system 4 thereon.

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-7 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended and claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Priority

The Examiner has requested a new Declaration which identified the priority document. Such a Declaration is attached herewith. Entry of this Declaration and acknowledgment of the claim for priority is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Specification

The specification has been objected to as being unclear and indefinite. As will be seen by the above amendments, the specification has been amended to refer to the components of the figures with a single term and to correct other minor typographical errors.

Accordingly, it is believed that the specification is both clear and definite. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings have been objected to because the limitation of claim 4, "the processor is further coupled to one or more remote computer systems for receiving secondary information therefrom," is alleged to not be shown in the drawings.

As will be seen from the replacement sheet of drawings containing Figures 1 and 2 attached hereto, Figure 1 has been amended to include a remote system 4, which remote system 4 is discussed in the present specification in paragraphs [0013] and [0015].

Accordingly, entry of the replacement sheet of drawings and reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

Objection to the Claims

Claim 5 has been objected to because “the secondary information” is not disclosed in claim 1, from which claim 5 depends.

As will be seen by the above amendments, claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 4, as kindly suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 5 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that claim 1 discloses that a computer information display panel comprises a USB interface, a processor, a display unit, and a clock unit, while the computer information display panel of Figure 1 does not include the processor and the clock unit. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner’s helpful suggestion concerning the amendment of the preamble of claim 1 has been followed. As such, this 35 USC 112, first paragraph rejection should now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 and 6-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McLarty (U.S. Patent 7,034,777) in view of Numano (U. S. Published Application 2003/0061410). Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McLarty and Numano as applied to claims 1-3 and 6-7 above, and further in view of Shin et al. (U. S. Patent 6,907,418). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a computer information display panel. A clock unit is coupled to the display unit. The clock unit is powered separately from the computer to provide time information to the display unit even when the computer is powered down. As discussed on page 6 in the last sentence of paragraph [0016] of the application, the clock unit can provide an alarm clock functionality even while the computer is powered down. This feature is brought out in independent claim 1.

In the McLarty et al patent, a mini monitor on a shared peripheral is provided. As noted by the Examiner, the smaller monitored could be used for an alarm clock. However, there is no teaching that this clock would be operable when the computer is not powered. For this feature, the Examiner has turned to the teachings of Numano et al. This Numano patent teaches an information-processing apparatus and clock information display control method for use in the apparatus. In the last sentence of paragraph [0025] of this patent, it is noted that the real-time clock 206a is independently powered by a dedicated battery. However, this patent does not teach that the clock would be displayed when the computer is powered down. Moreover, there is no teaching that the alarm function would also be operable when the computer is powered down.

The secondary reference to Shin et al. also fails to address this feature. Nowhere in the prior art utilized by the Examiner is the computer information display panel of the present application either suggested or rendered obvious. Independent claim 1 as well as its dependent claims should now be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 103 rejections are requested.

Conclusion

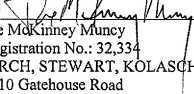
In view of the above amendments and remarks, the present application should be allowable. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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